

Senior Corps Update

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Congressional Affairs Update

Reauthorization -- On February 8, 2000, Representatives Shays, Andrews, and Roemer held a Congressional briefing to educate Members of Congress and their staff about the Corporation for National Service and its programs, as well as to highlight the importance of reauthorization of national service programs. A Foster Grandparent and child from Washington, DC were among the invited speakers. The *National and Community Service Amendments Act of 2000* is expected to be introduced early in the 2nd session of the 106th Congress. There is growing bipartisan support in both chambers. Senators Dewine (OH), Specter (PA) and Smith (OR), have recently signed on as cosponsors. The Corporation continues to work on gaining more bipartisan cosponsors.

FY 2001 Budget -- There were two recent developments on the FY 2001 Budget. First, the President's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget was released on February 7, 2000. Secondly, Appropriations Hearings were scheduled. Details below.

The President's Request -- President Clinton's 2001 budget request includes **\$851 million** for national service. This investment, a **\$120 million increase** over last year, would expand service opportunities for Americans of all ages in all regions of the country, including:

- \$73 million increase to expand AmeriCorps to 62,000 members next year, leading to the President's goal of 100,000 a year by 2004;
- \$5 million to tap the skill and experience of former AmeriCorps members to help solve community problems, including a new AmeriCorps Reserves initiative;
- Three new investments in youth, including \$7.5 million for the America's Promise campaign led by General Colin Powell, \$5 million for

"A time of prosperity must also be a time of patriotism and service. By expanding national service, this budget is helping unleash our country's greatest power - the power of citizens working together to get things done."

-- Harris Wofford, CEO
Corporation for
National Service

Community Coaches who will link schools with community resources and help students find the most effective ways of serving the community, and \$3 million for youth-led solutions to community problems;

- \$9.7 million to expand opportunities for seniors to serve in their communities.

Please see **Attachment 1** for a summary.

FY 2001 Appropriations Committees Hearings Schedule – The schedule is as follows

- ***Labor HHS Appropriations*** -- The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education will hold its hearing on the Corporation for National Service on Thursday, March 30, 2000. This bill supports the National Senior Service Corps and AmeriCorps*VISTA.
- ***VA-HUD Appropriations*** -- The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA-HUD will hold its hearing on the Corporation for national Service on Wednesday, February 23, 2000. The House VA-HUD Subcommittee will hold its hearing on Tuesday, February 29, 2000. This bill supports AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America

The National Senior Service Corps FY 2000 Programs Budget – Senior Corps recently issued guidance to Corporation State Offices and Service Centers to implement two of the three phases of its FY 2000 Spending Plan: Administrative Cost Increases and Programs of National Significance (PNS). Summaries are included below.

Phase I: Administrative Cost Increases -- On January 14, 2000, Senior Corps issued guidance for administrative cost increases for FGP, RSVP and SCP. The increases over the FY '99 base levels, based on available funds within Congressional direction, are as follows:

- RSVP: 4.0 %
- FGP: 2.0 %
- SCP: 2.0 %

Phase II: Programs of National Significance (PNS)-- On January 14, Senior Corps released guidance to Area Managers, Corporation State Offices, and Service Centers regarding PNS. According to the guidance, RSVP and FGP PNS project applications are due to Corporation State Offices on March 15, 2000, and final decisions will be made by May 1, 2000. Senior Companion Program PNS guidance was issued to State Offices on February 9th. SCP PNS applications are due to State Offices on April 3, 2000.

- Foster Grandparent Program: A total of \$910,700 is available to augment existing FGP projects. Nationwide, PNS funding will support approximately 225 new volunteer service years.
- RSVP: A total of \$1,038,700 is available to augment existing RSVP projects. Nationwide, PNS funding will support approximately 3,460 new volunteers.

- Senior Companion Program: A total of \$881,100 is available to augment existing SCP projects. Nationwide, PNS funding will support approximately 220 new volunteer service years.

In accord with the provisions of the Conference Report on H.R. 3194, Consolidated Appropriations Act 2000, no increased funds for RSVP, FGP or SCP may be used for demonstration activities.

Phase III: New Senior Companion Projects will be issued separately.

The Corporation for National Service Strategic Plan Update -- The Corporation's Strategic Plan is a primary tool and blueprint that sets the parameters and context of national service and the role of the Corporation. The Strategic Plan includes the Corporation's vision statement, its mission, and five strategic goals. The Corporation is required by Congress to update and revise its Strategic Plan every five years. The current Plan covers the years 1997-2002, and the Corporation intends to deliver its revised plan to Congress in September 2000.

The process to update the Strategic Plan relies on input from a broad group of key stakeholders in the national service field, including volunteers, grantees, program participants, Congress, the Corporation Board of Directors, staff, and other organizations.

As the lifeblood of Senior Corps programs, ideas and suggestions from Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP volunteers are vitally important.

How Project Directors Can Contribute to Updating the Plan – Senior Corps encourages local FGP, RSVP and SCP project directors to take advantage of events that bring volunteers together, such as in-service training sessions or recognition, to ask volunteers for their ideas and suggestions. Senior Corps has prepared a Strategic Plan Update Guide and Questionnaire that will be sent to Corporation State Offices and placed on the Internet for local projects to use in: (1) providing their own input from the project director perspective and (2) capturing the input of Senior Corps volunteers.

About Special Meetings & Special Networking Sessions and How to Reserve Space

On Friday, June 23, 2000, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, space will be set aside for Special Meetings and Special Networking Sessions. If you would like to lead a Special Meeting or Special Networking Session on Friday, June 23, 2000, please fax or e-mail the following information to Jennifer Dean at 202-565-2789 or jdean@cns.gov by **February 18, 2000**:

- Contact person, phone number, fax number and address
- Title of meeting/networking session
- 15 word summary of topic
- Possible number of attendees (an estimate would help us match the meeting/session with an appropriate room)

Your meeting will be advertised in our Session Selection Booklet for the Friday 3:00PM-5:00PM time slot. The availability of space for Special Meetings and Special Networking Sessions is limited, so first come, first serve. Room assignments will be based on the number of people who register for the special meeting or networking session.

About New Project Director Training — The session selection booklet will list several sessions appropriate for new project directors. Also, on Friday, June 23, 2000, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, there will be a special session for new project directors.

Materials Display Room Available During the Conference and How to Reserve Tables:

Starting on the evening of Wednesday, June 21, 2000, and continuing through Friday, June 23, 2000, tables will be available for resource materials that Project Directors would like to share with all conference attendees. **It will not be possible to sell materials or items at the conference, however order forms of items may be distributed.** If your group or project is interested in having a table to display project materials, please fax or e-mail the following information to Jennifer Dean at 202-565-2789 or jdean@cns.gov by **March 10, 2000**:

- Contact person, phone number, fax number and address
- Project name and sponsor name
- Estimated space needed for materials (choose among the following)
 - One 10 foot rectangular table
 - Two 10 foot rectangular tables
 - Other

**SPECIAL EVENTS
ALREADY SCHEDULED:**

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
RSVP DIRECTORS (NARSVPD)
MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2000
Time: Beginning at 4:00 PM
Place: Marriott World Center
(Conference Hotel)
Room: To be announced

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FGP
DIRECTORS (NAFGPD) MEMBER
RECEPTION

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2000
Time: Evening (to be announced)
Place: Marriott World Center
(Conference Hotel)
Room: To be announced

Reminder About Hotel Accommodations

- If you are planning to attend the National Community Service Conference, June 24-28, 2000, please tell the hotel operators at the Marriott World Center that you are attending both conferences.
- Hotel Registration for the National Senior Service Corps Conference 2000 has begun. Housing registration forms for the June 22-23 Conference at the Marriott Orlando World Center have been sent to all Project Directors. The forms are postage paid and addressed to the hotel.
- The hotel room registration forms are due to the Marriott by **May 22, 2000**. Any questions regarding the Hotel or the Housing form can be made directly to the hotel. (800-621- 0638).
- If you are sharing a sleeping room with another Senior Corps project director, please make a note to that effect on your mail in card, or if you are speaking by telephone, with a hotel reservations staff person.

**Questions?
Senior Corps
Conference
Information Line:**

**202.606.5000
extension 190
or e-mail:
jdean@cns.gov**

Conference Registration is Underway:

- Conference Registration Forms were mailed to Senior Corps project directors in January. Please complete all sections of the form and return to the address listed in the instructions.
- Schedule reminder: The Senior Corps Conference will officially begin with the 8:30 AM Opening Plenary on Thursday June 22nd and will end at 9:00 PM Friday, June 23, after the dinner.
- The information line for the National and Community Service Conference, co-sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, the Corporation for National Service and America's Promise is:
202-729-8101.

Senior Corps 2000 Conference and Technology Sessions Ideas -- Now is your chance to share your vision of the types of technology sessions that would meet your needs. A computer lab with opportunities to learn and sharpen your Microsoft Office skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook)? Smart web surfing and research? Working smarter through technology? Special software for Senior Corps projects? No guarantees that wishes will come true, but knowing **your** priorities will be extremely beneficial to all. Speak up and share your thoughts, wish lists, and ideas by sending an e-mail to **Angela Roberts** at aroberts@cns.gov

Seniors for Schools News

In January, Seniors for Schools Project Directors and sponsor representatives gathered in Washington, DC for a two day conference to discuss second year-end evaluation results and address sustainability after demonstration funding ends. Project staff were extremely pleased with the second year evaluation results presented at the conference and are anxious to use these findings to market the program to current stakeholders and potential funders.

Highlights from the second year evaluation results include:

- 88% of those students measured showed improved reading skills during the project year;
- 69% of those students measured using assessments that report grade-level change, increased their reading level by one full grade or more;
- 83% of teachers reported observing positive changes in student reading ability;
- 82% of principals and teachers surveyed indicated that students displayed increased positive attitude toward reading, increased confidence in reading ability and self esteem;
- 98% of principals, staff and teachers surveyed want to continue to have Seniors for Schools volunteers present in their schools next year; and
- Over 98% of principals and 92% of teachers surveyed noted that Seniors served as positive adult role models and increased children's respect for older adults.

As the project enters its final year of Corporation funding, sustainability is a top priority at each of the nine Seniors for Schools sites. Of the nine sites, several have been successful in securing short-term future funding through foundations, state and local governments. Others continue to garner support from within their local schools and communities, preparing to face the funding challenges that lie ahead. In the meantime, the project continues to build on its successes by expanding to new schools and increasing the number of children served.

Project Directors hope to have the opportunity to share some of their effective practices and lessons learned at the upcoming National Senior Service Corps Conference in Orlando.

Technology Spotlight –

Sign up for NSSCTALK – Join the list serv and gain access to the latest news first! Also, find lively discussions, questions and answers from peers, and good ideas for success.

Subscribers may easily control their subscription settings either by sending traditional email commands or through a Web interface, both of which were outlined in a welcome message.

Angela Roberts with the Senior Corps will remain the Corporation's liaison for the list serv.

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National Service Resource Center Online – New and Improved!

- The National Service Resource Center recently unveiled its newly redesigned web site. Sporting a colorful new layout, the site is your personal window to the world of community service resources. New features on the site include **improved navigation tools** such as **site map** and a **search engine**, and **more electronic documents** and **sample forms**. Elements of the old site remain, such as the Master Calendar of National Training and Technical Assistance events, the T/TA Resource Guide, and the searchable Library Catalog. Visit the National Service Resource Center online at: <http://www.etr.org/nsrc>

TTA Talk:

News from the Corporation for National Service T/TA Department

This is the first in a series of updates on new TTA resources for those of you working in education , tutoring and mentoring programs. Feel free to email questions to me, Margie Legowski, at mlegowsk@cns.gov

- **Speaking of email....** Have you ever wondered how to email one of your contacts at the Corporation? The **Corporation's email "formula"** is this: first initial plus first seven letters of the person's last name @cns.gov. This is how it actually looks: mlegowski@cns.gov
- **And electronic communication...** Do you have a literacy resource to share or want to know what other programs are doing? Join the **America Reads listserv**! The listserv is run by ETR Associates, the same folks who manage the National Service Resource Center and the NSSC TALK list. You can receive individual messages as they are sent or receive messages in a clump (digest form).

To subscribe, address an email to:

join-americanreads@lists.etr.org

You can also subscribe to the America Reads listserv through a web interface:

www.etr.org/nsrc/listserv.html

The discussions are resource-rich and responses are regularly provided by the U.S. Department of Education and the LEARNS Partners, the Corporation's national training and technical assistance providers in education. (Some of you may know LEARNS as Bank Street College of Education and the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory.) Several of yesterday's responses focused on free resources for family literacy, for example, and ideas for getting free or cheap books regularly appear.

- **Resource Tip-of-the-Month ...** Another rich source of ideas for how to get books, trainers, space, etc. is the publication *Identifying Local Resources for Your Literacy Program: A Guide for National Service Programs*. Produced by the LEARNS Partners, this publication can be downloaded from the LEARNS web site at www.nwrel.org/learns or ordered in hard copy by calling 1-800-361-7890 (Northwest Lab) or 1-800-930-5664 (Bank Street College of Education).

- **Mark your Calendars...** As many of you know, Thursday, March 2, is Doctor Seuss's birthday and the date of the annual celebration of literacy entitled "**Read Across America.**" Use this day as an opportunity to underscore the fun of reading and to encourage the adults you know to read to or with a child. For wonderful activity ideas and additional information, check out the National Education Web Site at www.nea.org/readacross (NEA sponsors the event).
- Wondering what other special literacy days lie ahead? Looking for an excuse for a book party? Check out the "**Book Events Calendar**" managed by The Center for the Book at: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/bkevents.html>. This calendar lists book activities and "significant weeks" for the coming year. You'll be amazed at what's out there...

Don't forget to email your resource questions to **Margie Legowski** at mlegowsk@cns.gov

Funding Successes for Senior Corps Projects

Alabama — The Alabama Association of RSVP Directors received word that Alabama's projects will receive **\$291,593** in funding from the Governor's General Fund Budget.

Arizona – The **Northern Arizona University FGP/SCP** in Flagstaff received a **\$7,500** donation from Norwest Bank to help cover volunteer mileage costs. Also, the **Phoenix Area Agency on Aging**, RSVP sponsor, received a **\$10,000** grant from the County Attorney's Office to fund a new program called "Presentations by Seniors-Fighting Prejudice." Thirty RSVP volunteers will make presentations to students in grades K-12 on the topic of prejudice and combating hatred.

Florida – **Seniors for Schools** in Leesburg received **\$1,200** from United Southern Bank as a kick-off for the "Reading is Personal" drive. The effort is intended to gather books to give each child. As part of Seniors for Schools, 70 seniors regularly tutor more than 300 children in six Lake County elementary schools.

Montana – The **Miles City RSVP** received a **\$5,000** seed grant from Montana's Promise.

New York – During the holiday season, **Columbia County RSVP**, sponsored by Columbia Opportunities, Inc., received **\$8,250** from the local United Way for various RSVP initiatives. The project also received **\$2,000** from the Berkshire/Taconic Foundation to help with travel reimbursements for more than 50 RSVP volunteers to transport 370 older clients to health-related appointments.

Total Non-Corporation Funding Reported This Month: \$ 325,543

Kudos to Senior Corps Colleagues and Volunteers Recognized for Excellence!

California – **RSVP of South Bay** received a kudos in the “El Segundo Herald.” The El Segundo Middle School TA recognized RSVP for its efforts at the rededication of the schools as DARE Officer and RSVP volunteer .P. Sellens provided traffic control for the event. Also from California, **RSVP of San Diego County** was featured on the nation’s talk radio, NPR. San Diego’s popularity and decreasing crime are attributed in part to heightened policing by law enforcement, and through the public safety provided by RSVP and the community patrols throughout the county.

Colorado— **Mesa County RSVP** was awarded the El Pomar Award for Excellence in the Human Services/Seniors category. The El Pomar Foundation presented RSVP with a check for **\$12,000**. Also from Colorado, **Boulder RSVP** volunteer **Charles Poston** is the winner of the First Annual Boulder Senior Award. A twenty-two year veteran of RSVP, Mr. Poston currently serves as the volunteer coordinator for the RSVP Handyman Fixit Program, which helps seniors and persons with disabilities with such chores as fixing leaky faucets, lamps, switches and other home repairs.

Kentucky – The Audubon Area Disaster Relief/Home Safety Corps was presented with a 1999 Governor’s Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in the category of “National Service Group”. Comprising the Corps are the Senior Connections AmeriCorps project and the RSVP, SCP and FGP projects in the Owensboro area. The program was also recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a model program.

Texas— **Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas RSVP** was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award by Carter Blood Care. RSVP volunteers have provided services to the agency since 1994.

Utah – In recognition of the services provided to the citizens of Weber and Morgan County by 1,025 **RSVP volunteers**, the Ralph Nye Foundation donated **\$3,000** to the project. These are not one time, but will be presented annually to **Weber Human Services RSVP**.

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Focus on Resources and Enrichment for Children

Michigan – **Wayne County RSVP** noted a growing interest in its “GEMS Program” (Golden Experiences Mentoring Students). The program gives Wayne County seniors an opportunity to share life experiences with children, leading to more positive impressions of seniors and enhanced intergenerational relations and learning. Some of the life experiences represented by the RSVP volunteers include a Tuskegee Airman from WWII, a female pilot from WWII, a three-time cancer survivor, a Southwestern cowboy, and the first Hispanic Business Woman from Wayne County.

Minnesota -- “Heartland” RSVP volunteers, serving through the RSVP based in Willmar/Cosmos, made book bags for more than 350 children enrolled in Head Start in 1999. Other RSVP volunteers made 400 “lullaby quilts” that were distributed to children in crisis or stressful situations in the five county service area.

Puerto Rico – The Foster Grandparent Program of the Regional de Servicios a la Comunidad, Guayama, attends to needy children in five towns. In the small town of Salinas, three Foster Grandparents learned sign language so that

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they can communicate to the deaf children served. In the mountain town of Cayey, Foster Grandparent Ana Barraui helped a child with learning difficulties to better his reading skills to such a degree that he won first prize at his school's Science Fair.

Utah – The Weber Human Services FGP landed on its feet in the Box Elder School District. With emphasis from the school superintendent and meetings with each elementary school principal, this new project has placed volunteers in each of the District's nine elementary schools. The Foster Grandparents will help children with reading and language skills. The schools provide lunches for the volunteers and, in one case, the Foster Grandparent rides on the school bus with the children.

Expanding Senior Corps Services in the Community

California – At least three additional Area Agencies in the state are proceeding with implementation of state-funded Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion projects in their service area. With the addition of these three locations, the total number of state-funded projects in California will be: 9 FGP and 12 SCP. In addition, 8 federally funded FGP projects and 9 federally funded SCP projects receive funds through the AAA's for additional state funded FGSs.

Resources

Learn More About Senior Corps Project Activities -- Corporation staff, Senior Corps project directors and other interested parties can receive upon request copies of issue lists -- information about what Senior Corps projects are doing in a particular service area, organized alphabetically by state. These lists are considered ongoing works-in-progress and are not necessarily comprehensive. They include information about projects learned from state office's weekly reports and from projects themselves. Issue lists that are currently available include:

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| 1. America Reads | 7. Public Safety | 13. Respite for Caregivers |
| 2. Community Development | 8. Mentoring | 14. Housing/Homelessness |
| 3. Environment | 9. Technology | 15. Independent Living |
| 4. Non-federal Funding | 10. Child Care | 16. Nutrition and Hunger |
| 5. Collaboration | 11. Unified State Plans | 17. Health |
| 6. Disaster Relief | 12. Intergenerational Projects | |

To receive copies of any list, please contact **Gloria Godwin**, (202) 606-5000 extension 189 or e-mail godwin@cns.gov

Funding and Resource Development Resources:***Funding Across the Ages: A Tool Kit.*** This concise, user-friendly 8-page booklet from Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) is designed to help grantmakers understand aging trends and the opportunities created and will also be useful to grant seekers in developing proposals. Chapters include an overview of aging trends; concepts, steps, and resources for developing a grantmaking relationship; specific program areas: intergenerational Programs, Education, Neighborhood Involvement, and Health; and resource information and materials. Relevant information may be freely copied. GIA is an educational nonprofit membership organization for staff and trustees of foundations and corporations concerned with aging. For information contact GIA, P.O. Box 5534, New York, NY 10185-5534, Tel: 212-877-2050.

Senior Corps Update is dispatched by e-mail to Corporation State Offices on the first Friday of each month. Please continue to share with Senior Corps Project Directors and other colleagues. **Editor:** Angela Roberts, National Senior Service Corps., **202-606-5000 ext. 111** or e-mail to aroberts@cns.gov. ***Comments, ideas and suggestions welcome !***

ATTACHMENT 1:
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET

OVERALL REQUEST

- The President's 2001 Budget requests \$851.3 million for the Corporation for National Service. This represents an increase of \$119.7 million, or 16 percent, above the amounts available in 2000.
- The budget will support service by Americans in communities across the country, including full-time and substantial part-time service by 62,000 AmeriCorps members; support for almost 1 million students in service-learning programs in elementary and secondary schools as well as institutions of higher education; and support for a half million seniors engaged in service to their communities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **AmeriCorps** will grow to 100,000 members annually over the next four years, reaching a goal for 2001 of 62,000 members. Since the launch of AmeriCorps five years ago, more than 150,000 Americans have served on the front lines in hard-pressed neighborhoods—tutoring in schools, responding to natural disasters, helping to make our streets safer, building homes, and more. The budget for AmeriCorps will increase by \$73 million to accomplish this expansion.
- Among the initiatives is an effort to enable former AmeriCorps members to serve in communities through a partnership with nonprofit organizations and a new ***AmeriCorps Reserves program***. The AmeriCorps Reserves would build on the AmeriCorps Continuing Service initiative announced by the President at the 5th Anniversary of AmeriCorps. This program would be modeled on the military reserves program where young professionals would serve in the Reserve Corps on weekends and/or after work or vacations. The mission of the Reserve Corps would be to address national problems and crises, including natural disasters and domestic social problems while, at the same time, working to renew and reinvigorate civic life by committing to service, responsibility, and citizenship.
- For **service-learning**, the budget includes \$51 million, an increase of \$8 million above 2000 levels, to support service-learning activities by almost a million students in middle schools, high schools, and colleges. Two new youth initiatives in the President's Budget, funded under this category, are:

Community Coaches: The Corporation for National Service is requesting \$5 million for grants to promote the use of community coaches in service-learning. Community coaches, some of whom will be AmeriCorps members, will help young people design and implement their own community projects.

Youth Empowerment Grants: The budget includes \$3 million to reward and support the creativity of youth by providing fellowships to young people that have developed innovative youth-driven solutions to community problems facing young people in their own communities. The grants would be awarded by the Corporation for National Service to community-based

organizations to support youth-led projects ranging from solutions to prevent youth violence, ways to improve civic participation, programs to improve academic achievement, or other youth development initiatives.

- The President's Budget expands funds for **senior service** by \$10 million. These funds will provide additional opportunities for thousands of older Americans to serve their communities – as Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions and RSVP volunteers. The budget recognizes seniors as a growing, significant national resource that is helping to meet critical needs in communities.
- A new request is \$7.5 million for **America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth**, supporting their efforts as a catalyst to challenge, energize, and inspire thousands of individuals, organizations, and communities to expand efforts to ensure that youth become productive, responsible citizens.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL SERVICE BUDGET

Senior Demonstrations. With demonstration funds the Corporation has supported programs to engage seniors in their communities in new ways to address critical community needs, including literacy, the need for independent living among seniors, and housing. The budget encourages national nonprofit organizations – such as Habitat for Humanity and Boys and Girls Clubs – to engage seniors in significant new numbers in sustained service to help accomplish the missions of their organizations.

AmeriCorps*Promise Fellows. Under a partnership with America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, AmeriCorps*Promise Fellows, 550 strong, are serving as catalysts and coordinators for a whole range of projects with Communities of Promise. The President's Budget proposes to double the size of this program.

Service Scholarships for High School Students. The Corporation for National Service sponsors \$1,000 scholarships, _ of which is provided by local funds, for a junior and senior in a high school doing outstanding service in their communities. The President's Budget includes funds for 10,000 such scholarships this year and 15,000 scholarships the following year.

Management and Administration. The budget proposes increases to strengthen further the management and administration of national service, including the governor-appointed state commissions.